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multiband emission and multiband absorption of the molecule, wherein the analyte sensitive

spacer modifies multiband emission and multiband absorption of the molecule.

Comments on Claim Amendment

The original claims have been substantially reduced in number to limit issues remaining in

this application. Cancelled claims are 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, and 19. Applicants

amended claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 13, 17, 20 that find basis in the original specification. No new

matter has been inserted into the amended claims.

SUMMARY

All outstanding issues have been addressed. Taking into consideration the totality

of the application as filed (i.e., the specification, claims and drawings), the currently amended

application is in compliance with 35 USC § 112.

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